

COUNCIL ON STAFF AFFAIRS MEETING AGENDA

9:00 a.m.

Teams – March 16, 2021

1. **Call to order**
2. **Roll call:** All representatives must sign/initial the attendance roster to be counted as present.
 - A. Reading of the proxies.
3. **Communication with Administration**
 - A. Dr. Richard Carvajal
4. **SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY**
 - A. Yvonne Landers – USG Chancellor listening circles follow-up
 - B. Melissa Wolfe – SGA – student withdrawal policy
5. Approval of the **February 16, 2021** meeting of the Council on Staff Affairs
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Jennifer Griffin
 - A. March 2021
7. **Report from the Chair**
 - A. Parking Appeals committee rep update
 - B. Limited term custodial staff status change
8. **Staff Attendance and Participation**
 - A. Reminder to send in committee reports before Exec Committee meeting
9. **COSA Committees**
 - A. Policy – Obi Hall – No report
 - B. Elections – Obi Hall – **will report**
 - C. Professional Development– Mark McNalley – No report
 - D. Budget & Finance/Fundraising – Jennifer Griffin – **will report**
 - E. Community Outreach – Paul Leavy – No report
 - F. Social Recognition & Publicity – Sheila Hall – No report
10. **Faculty Senate Committees**
 - A. Academic Honors & Scholarship – Angie Gannon – No report
 - B. Academic Scheduling and Procedures – Obi Hall – No report
 - C. Athletics – Open – No report
 - D. Diversity & Equity – Chis Griggs – No report
 - E. Educational Policies – Angie Gannon – No report
 - F. Environmental Issues – Dwayne Trouille – No report
 - G. Faculty Scholarship – Darius Anthony – No report
 - H. Faculty Senate – Paul Leavy – No report
 - I. Internationalization & Globalization – Jordan Thompson – No report
 - J. Library Affairs – Matt McIntyre – No report
 - K. Student Affairs – Paul Leavy – No report
 - L. Technology – Dwayne Trouille – No report
11. **University Wide Committees**
 - A. Budget Advisory Council –Dwayne Trouille - No report
 - B. Campus Safety – Hilary Willis – No report
 - C. Campus Wellness – Jordan Thompson– **will report**
 - D. Conflict Management – Terence Sullivan – No report
 - E. Dining Advisory – Sue Bailey/Jenni Shinpaugh – No report
 - F. Parking Advisory – Jennifer Griffin – No report
 - G. Parking Appeals – Paul Leavy – No report
 - H. Retiree Association – Julienne Jackson – No report
12. **Old Business**
13. **New Business**
14. **Adjournment**



**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

RESOLUTION 21-03

A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE VSU WITHDRAWAL LIMIT POLICY

AUTHORED BY: Senator Alejandro A. Briceno

SPONSORED BY: Senator Alexis Smith, Senator Justin Carter, Senator Kevin Eppes, Director Tia Brown, Senator Cassie Katen, Senator Ashley Thinnifel, Senator Darius Guinyard, Senator Jazmine Rivas, Director Laura Northup, Senator Madison Meeker, Senator Jenna Tillman.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Valdosta State University (VSU) Student Government Association (SGA) to determine and state the official position of the VSU student body on relevant issues, and to ensure a fair and proper educational system for the entirety of the VSU student body;

WHEREAS, SGA recognizes the importance of a proper, fair, balanced, and updated system of course withdrawals, following the examples of peer institutions and their decisions, to discourage performance stagnation and promote student success;

WHEREAS, SGA aspires to improve, and exceed, the overall retention and completion rate of students at VSU;

WHEREAS, There is no current record of a university within the University System of Georgia (USG) that has a similar process, and thus would be innovative and unique, which are values that Valdosta State University stands for;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 2020-2021 Student Government Association of Valdosta State University, on behalf of the student body of Valdosta State University, hereby urges an amendment to the current policy regarding course withdrawals;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the VSU SGA is making the following recommendations to the VSU Administration:

- A 10-total withdrawal limit for students, allowing for 3-course withdrawals per academic year;
- Academic advisor intervention on the 6th withdrawal to ensure students do not misuse the system and/or suffer consequences to their financial aid;
- An appeal process facilitated through the Vice President of Student Success regarding the number of withdrawals per academic year on a case-by-case basis;
- The implementation of a feature within Banner to provide flags alerting academic advisors of high-risk students that withdraw from a course, to ensure knowledge of the situation and encourage communication between the advisor and the student;
- The implementation of a feature within Banner to provide pop-ups alerting students of how many withdrawals they have left;

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the VSU SGA commits to working together

with Student Success, Faculty Senate, COSA, and the VSU administration to ensure a solution that

adequately satisfies the issues at hand within the current withdrawal process.

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Against: Q Primary Mover: S v- Bacon

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Melisse Walsh, Student Government President

